

Vibrio

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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Diarrhea and vomiting

Fever and chills

Wound infections

Skin sores

Blood infection (septicemia)

WHAT IS VIBRIO?

Vibrio refers to a family of germs found in coastal marine waters and seafood. Humans are exposed to the germs by eating raw or undercooked shellfish, or by swimming in salt water or canals.

HOW CAN I AVOID THIS?

Avoid eating raw shellfish, especially oysters.

Avoid swimming in salt water with open wounds.

FUN FACT

Vibrio germs are more abundant during warm summer months. In most cases, antibiotics will not help a vibrio infection, so prevention is best!

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